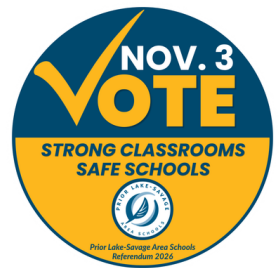


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On November 3, 2026 Prior Lake-Savage Area School district residents will be asked to vote on two referendum questions.

Question 1

School District Question 1 Revoking Existing Referendum Revenue Authorization; Approving New Authorization

The school board of Independent School District No. 719 (Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools) has proposed to revoke the school district's existing referendum revenue authorization of \$623.97 per pupil and to replace that authorization with a new authorization of \$1,740.97 per pupil. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for ten years commencing with taxes payable in 2027, and increase each year by the rate of inflation beginning with taxes payable in 2028, unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

Shall the school district's existing referendum revenue authorization be revoked, and the increase in the revenue proposed by the school board of Independent School District No. 719 be approved?

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YES

NO

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION,
YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

A referendum is a vote on a proposal, in this case, an operating levy that would generate revenue to maintain current school operations and lessen the amount of future budget cuts needed.

PLSAS' current operating levy is one of the lowest in the area, which means our district has less money than neighboring districts to operate our schools and provide competitive programming for students.

The previous levy would be revoked, or taken away, and a new levy would replace it. In this case, the question asks voters to revoke the current \$623.97 per student levy authorization and replace it with a new levy of \$1,740.97 per student, with an inflationary factor included for years 2-10.

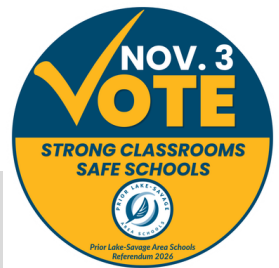
The additional funds could be used to minimize future staffing reductions, support daily school operations, stabilize the budget to keep school programs and improve academic performance and test scores.

The estimated tax impact would be \$46 per month for the average home owner (\$525,000 median home value).

If voters do not approve this levy request, the district will need to make budget reductions beyond the current estimates for next year that could include class sizes, walking distances, student programs, elective offerings and extracurricular activities.

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Question 2

School District Question 2 Approval of Capital Project Levy Authorization

The school board of Independent School District No. 719 (Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools) has also proposed a capital project levy authorization of 3.427% times the net tax capacity of the school district. The additional revenue from the proposed authorization will be used to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities; safety and security improvements; deferred maintenance and utility service costs; the acquisition and maintenance of software, technology, and technology systems, and to pay the costs of technology-related personnel and training; the purchase and replacement of school-related transportation vehicles; the acquisition of curriculum, textbooks, and materials; and other operating capital revenue purposes. The proposed capital project levy authorization will raise approximately \$3,800,000 for taxes payable in 2028, the first year it is to be levied, and would be authorized for ten years. The estimated total cost of the projects to be funded over that time period is approximately \$38,000,000. The projects to be funded have received a positive Review and Comment from the Commissioner of Education.

If School District Question 1 is approved, shall the capital project levy authorization proposed by the school board of Independent School

District No. 719 also be approved?

YES

NO

A capital projects levy provides dedicated funding for specific long-term needs. The purpose is to maintain safe schools and the facilities, technology, and instructional resources that support learning.

Capital projects levy funding would support the aging technology systems that keep schools operating.

- Updated Wi-Fi
- Network equipment
- Servers
- Required instructional technology

The additional funds would support school safety improvements, curriculum & textbooks, replacing aging technology infrastructure that supports learning, ongoing upkeep of schools, and maintaining playgrounds.

Question 2 is tax-impact neutral, meaning it is estimated to be a net tax impact of zero dollars in year one, due to planned debt reduction offsetting the tax increase. Question 1 and 2 must pass in order for Question 2 to apply.

Voting information

- Polls are open from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. on November 3.
- Your polling location is based on where you live.
- Find your polling place at mnvotes.org
- Early voting starts September 19.

Vote early in person

- All Scott County voters can vote absentee at Scott County Public Works, 600 Country Trail E, Jordan, MN 55352.
- City residents may vote at their local City Hall.
- Township voters must vote at Scott County Public Works; Spring Lake Township voters may also vote at Prior Lake City Hall.
- For more details, visit www.scottcountymn.gov/elections

Vote early by mail

- Absentee ballots are available
- Request yours at mnvotes.gov
- Once received, complete your ballot and return it using the envelope provided.
- Be sure to allow enough time for the whole process so that the ballot is received by Election Day.

Learn more

- Visit www.plsas.org/referendum
- Email input@plsas.org
- Call 952-226-0814